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arrested and when they are unable to offer any bail they are taken to distant places where courts and officers are situated for the necessary action without providing any sort of conveyance for their journey?

Mr. A. S Damodaran Asan: No.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know whether the Excise Inspectors are prohibiting Jaffna tobacco?

Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan: No.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: In certain taluks Excise Inspectors are doing it.

Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan: If there is any specific complaint, I shall enquire into it.

Distribution of Jaffna tobacco.

139 ❋ **Mr. Paul A. Thaliath**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the distribution of Jaffna tobacco is controlled by them;

(b) if the answer to *(a)* is in the affirmative, the names of authorities empowered to issue the same in each taluk;

(c) whether any complaints have been received from any taluk about the unsatisfactory distribution; and

(d) whether it is a fact that in some taluks the distribution of Jaffna tobacco is controlled and in some taluks the distribution is going on without any control or restriction?

Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan: *(a)* Yes.

(b) Wholesale licensees authorised by the Excise Commissioner.

(c) No.

(d) No.

Customs duty.

140 ❋ **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether beedies, cigars, cigarettes and other preparations of tobacco are assessed to duty at customs houses when carried by bonafide travellers to Travancore territory from Cochin and British India;

(b) if all such articles are not assessed to duty at customs houses what all are assessed to duty and what not and the reasons for not assessing duty for other articles;

(c) whether they are aware of the serious hardship bonafide passengers will be put to when they carry beedies, cigars, cigarettes and other preparations even in small quantities for their personal use when instead of assessing duty on such articles carried for bonafide consumption even in small quantities they are prosecuted under the customs rule.

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(*d*) whether they have fixed minimum quantity of beedies, cigars and other preparations of tobacco which could be carried by *bonafide* passengers for their personal use ; and

(*e*) why this difference is maintained and what are the reasons for this differentiation between cigarettes which are assessed to duty and cigars and other preparations of tobacco not assessed to duty ?

Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan : (*a*) and (*b*) Yes ; but only under Customs and Tobacco Rules and when the minimum prescribed for duty free import is exceeded.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) In the interest of Government Revenue.

Export of jaggery.

141 * **Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of permits issued by the Excise Commissioner for the transport of jaggery from our State to outside places during the years 1119 and 1120 respectively ; and

(*b*) the total quantity of jaggery exported during the aforesaid period from our State ?

Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan :

(a) 1119 M. E. ... 58
1120 M. E. ... 26

(*b*) 1119 M. E. ... 10,135 cwts.
1120 M. E. ... 309 cwts.

Industrial loans.

142 * **Mr. Paul A. Thaliath :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications received in 1121 for industrial loans.

(*b*) the total amount asked for in such applications: and

(*c*) the amount of loan sanctioned during the year ?

Dr. H. Parameswaran (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) Two

(*b*) Rs. 2,500 and Rs. 10,000,

(*c*) Rs. 3,500.

Model Factories.

143 * **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have ever contemplated the establishment of model coir and cashewnut factories under the management of the Department of Industries ?

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